



STATE OF WASHINGTON

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES
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Dear Children's Administration Contracted Community Partners:

In October 2005, I wrote to you regarding the independently led review of all Children's Administration's contracts. This review is a part of our continuing efforts to strengthen services to children and families and to enhance our business practices and financial accountability. We have completed the first phase of this review for most of our contracted services and are now moving into the second phase.

If your contract has been through the first phase of the review process and areas for discussion and improvement were identified, you should have received a letter dated November 1, 2005 outlining the areas that we will work together to improve in the second phase of this review. This review is a joint effort to see where opportunities exist to make improvements and what will be required to do so. These improvements will support the goals of:

- Effective and efficient contracted services with demonstrated outcomes available to match client needs, including:
 - A significant increase in the use of performance-based practices
 - The use of evidence-based practices where available.
- Effective and efficient contracted services available to clients in all regions.
- Strengthened business partnerships between CA and contracted community providers.

These discussions are scheduled to be completed by April 15, 2006, so that changes can be incorporated into the contracts beginning July 1.

Thank you for your willingness to participate in the contract review process. We appreciate your involvement and commitment to improving services for children and their families.

If you have questions, please let us know by calling your contract review program manager or for general questions contact Jean Croisant at 360-902-7522.

Sincerely,

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Children's Administration